



# Governor's Census 2010 Outreach

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### Why Does the Census Bureau Need to Ask My Name and Telephone Number?

- The Census Bureau uses the name and telephone number to follow up with a household if information on the census form is incomplete or appears to be a mistake.
- The Census Bureau checks the returned forms to make sure that there are no duplicate forms for a household. For example, there may be situations where a husband or wife may fill out the questionnaire and send it back without the knowledge of the other spouse. If the spouse requests a new census form and fills that form out Census Bureau staff will be able to determine by the names associated with the address that it is a duplicate.
- Multiple households may exist at one address - a house may be subdivided into apartments, all with the same physical address. Having the name allows the Census Bureau to determine that there are separate households at the same address.
- Census records are often used for age searches for people that do not have birth certificates or other legal documents to verify their age when applying for social security. A search can only be requested by an individual for their own personal records or by a legal representative or heir of the person from the 1910 - 2000 Censuses.
- After 72 years the Census Bureau lifts the protections under Title 13 and allows searches of census records. Genological research is often based on census information. Census records from 1790 through 1930 are now available for research.

*Safety Assured - Title 13 of the U.S. Code strictly prohibits the Census Bureau from releasing personal data collected on an individual or business for any purpose to anyone or any other federal, state or local government. The law carries a fine of up to \$250,000 and up to five years imprisonment for employees who violate this statute.*



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